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SUBJECT: HEARINGS ON SUPPLEMENTARY AID BILL

REFERENCE: A) MANAGUA 184

1. HEARINGS ON SUPPLEMENTARY AID BILL FOR MANAGUA
SCHEDULED TO START BEFORE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ON FEBRUARY 6. THESE WILL BE FIRST HEARINGS ON AID MATTERS
SINCE PASSAGE OF 74 LEGISLATION WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, CARRIES
SENSE OF CONGRESS PROVISION ON RESTRICTING AID TO THOSE
COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAIN POLITICAL PRISONERS.

2. IN THAT CONNECTION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL "REPORT ON
TORTURE" ISSUED IN 1973 CONTAINS FOLLOWING QUOTE ON
NICARAGUA: QUOTE: THE CURRENT DETENTION SYSTEM RECALLS
SOUTH AFRICAN PRACTICE AND IS A FORM OF MENTAL TORTURE:
WHEN A PRISONER HAS SERVED THE SIX MONTHS WITHOUT TRIAL
PROVIDED FOR BY LAW--HE IS ALLOWED OUT OF PRISON ONLY TO BE
REARRESTED IMMEDIATELY. END QUOTE. FOR PURPOSES OF
PREPARING BACKGROUND PAPER FOR AID ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD
THIS TOPIC BE RAISED AT HEARINGS WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
FACTUAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MISSION EITHER ON
IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL OR OF PRACTICE OF IMMEDIATE RE-
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ARREST FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF LEGALLY IMPOSED SENTENCE.

NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION WE DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION

ABOUT THE QUOTE SIX MONTHS WITHOUT TRIAL PROVIDED FOR BY
LAW END QUOTE REFERRED TO.

3. DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO
EMBASSY ON QUOTE POLITICAL PRISONERS END QUOTE IN
NICARAGUA DURING RECENT PAST, SAY PAST FIVE YEARS. IN
THIS CONNECTION MISSION'S COMMENTS ON TWO PRISONERS
RECENTLY RELEASED REFERENCE A) WOULD BE WELCOMED. KISSINGER

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